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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, PFOR, WB, FR

SUBJECT: BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS

REF: STATE 11731

1. FRENCH MISSION HERE IS UPSET ABOUT REMARKS THAT WASHINGTON EMBASSY COUNSELOR MASSET ATTRIBUTED TO EUR/CE DIRECTOR ANDERSON IN HIS REPORTING CABLE ON MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL. MASSET REPORTED ANDERSON TO HAVE SAID, "THERE IS IN BERLIN A VERY NEGATIVE ATMOSPHERE WITH REGARD TO AVIATION PROBLEMS, NOTABLY WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW AIRPORT AT TEGEL."

2. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED THREE TIMES BY FRENCH (INCLUDING NEW FRENCH MINISTER LANDY) WHETHER US IS UNHAPPY ABOUT FRENCH OPERATION OF TEGAL AIRPORT. WE HAVE REPLIED THAT MR. ANDERSON WAS UNDOUBTEDLY REFERRING TO SENAT DEBATE OF LAST NOVEMBER IN WHICH CRITICISM WAS LEVELED AT POOR TAXI AND BUS TRANSPORT TO TEGEL, REDUCED NUMBER OF IGS FLIGHTS, AIR NOISE, LACK OF PARKING, AND OTHE SUCH PROBLEMS, SOME OF WHICH ARE GROWING PAINS (75 USBERLIN 2326). ALL THESE COMPLAINTS, WE SAID, ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF BFG, AND/OR AIRLINES, OR ARE RESULT OF  
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DECLINE IN IGS PASSENGER LEVELS. WE TOLD FRENCH

WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY REPORTED OUR BELIEF THAT FRENCH DID EXCELLENT JOB IN OPENING NEW AIRPORT (HONEST VIEW BASED ON COMPARISON THAT GEORGE WERTENBAKER AND OTHERS ARE ABLE TO MAKE WITH THE OPENING OF AIRPORTS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING US). FRENCH ARE REPORTING OUR REMARKS TO QUAI.

3. FRENCH NATIONAL PRIDE HAS BEEN INVOLVED FROM START IN TEGEL OPERATION AND THEY ARE VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT IT. THEY ARE DOING EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO ACCOMMODATE OUR REQUESTS WHEN WE MAKE THEM. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR POLICY OF FULLEST COOPERATION WITH FRENCH HAS PRODUCED GOOD RESULTS THUS FAR AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE IT. PANAM AND AEROAMERICAN FOLLOW SAME POLICY.

4. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT EUR/CE USE APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISABUSE FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON OF ANY IMPRESSION THEY MAY HAVE THAT US IS DISSATISFIED WITH FRENCH OPERATION AT TEGEL. WE OF COURSE SHARE WIDELY-HELD VIEW THAT BFG IS LESS THAN EFFICIENT OPERATION AND NOTE THAT TRANSPORT SENATOR LIEHR FELT IT NECESSARY TO BECOME BFG CHAIRMAN BECAUSE OF HIS OWN DISSATISFACTION WITH BFG OPERATION.  
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